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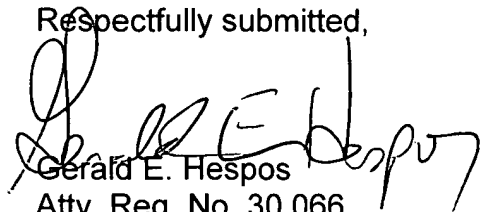
This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies several Japanese references and one WIPO publication. Copies of the identified references are attached as well. English language Abstracts for three of the four Japanese references also are attached. The fourth Japanese reference is a Utility Model Publication and an English language Abstract is not available.

The relevancy of JP 9-56746 is described on the first page of the subject application. The other references were cited in the International Search Report and in the International Preliminary Examination Report. Japanese Utility Model Publication 1-141711 and JP 5-317356 both were identified as Category A documents in the International Search Report. Thus, these references were considered to relate merely to the technological background of the invention. Neither reference was considered to be particularly relevant to either of the original claims. The other references were cited in the

International Preliminary Examination Report and relate generally to disposable liquid-absorbing briefs.

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							YES	NO
		1-141711	1989	Japan				✓
		4-144558	1992	Japan				✓
		5-317356	1993	Japan				✓
		9-56746	1997	Japan				✓
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